

The FCC has a chance to indicate if it is in the hip pocket of the selected, acting president or if the FCC has the slightest regard for democracy.

If by chance the FCC has any respect for the Constitution, it can begin by, at the very least forcing Sinclair Broadcasting to comply with the letter and spirit of the law by either not broadcasting a gift in kind for the unelected president or at least accepting a broadcast of the same duration to be transmitted at an equivalent time for the the unelected president's main opponent, Sen. Kerry.

Yours for the restoration of democracy,
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Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.